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JACKSON RESIDENT SENTENCED  
FOR TAX FRAUD

*Jackson, Mississippi* - U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton and Michael J. DePalma, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation announced that PATRICIA A. BURNETT, of Jackson, MS, was sentenced today by Senior U.S. District Judge David C. Bramlette for filing a false tax return in 2003. Burnett was sentenced to serve 3 years of probation, including a 6 month term of home confinement during which time she is prohibited from leaving her home except for employment or other activities approved by her probation officer. Burnett pled guilty to the charge in January, 2008.

Special Agent in Charge Michael J. De Palma stated, "The prosecution of individuals who commit tax crimes is a vital element in maintaining public confidence in our tax system. We should not expect the honest taxpayer to foot the bill for those who hide income from the IRS."

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